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Testimony for Senate Bill 475
Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays
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Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 475 – Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays.

Senate Bill 475 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow deer hunting on each Sunday of the deer hunting season from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January. The bill also allows DNR to authorize a person to hunt turkey on one Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season during a junior hunt.

This legislation is similar to legislation which allows Sunday hunting on private property in Dorchester County during deer season from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January.

In addition, Sunday hunting is permitted in during all deer seasons in:

- Carroll County
- Kent County
- Montgomery County

During deer firearm season Sunday hunting is permitted in

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Charles County
- Harford County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- Worcester County

- Anne Arundel County
- Talbot County

During bow season, Sunday deer hunting is allowed on private property in:

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Charles County
- Harford County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- Talbot County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

Sunday turkey hunting on private property is permitted in:

- Calvert County
- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Charles County
- Kent County

As deer populations continue to grow, local residents have experienced increased agricultural damage. Regulated hunting remains the most cost-effective deer population control mechanism available. Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 475.

Best regards,



Senator Addie C. Eckardt